

## FURNITURE.

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## THE PLEASANT

Of listening senators to command" is doubtless satisfactory to the recipient, but not nearly so much as both the praise and plaudits of a satisfied furniture-buying constituency whose intelligent discrimination and appreciation of our efforts to provide the right sort of furniture for their use is daily illustrated by free-handed buying and unsolicited admiration of the goods we sell. This is all the testimony we need to indicate that our store is the "Mecca" of furniture buyers in quest of the best. In home, the proper thing to do is to go to the Mecca, do, in Topeka, do, as Topeka do, buy your furniture at our big depot of supply.

## THE PLEASANT

Things of life are not to be despised or neglected. Among the surprising things we exhibit this week are

Some Dining Chairs  
At \$1.25 Apiece,

that we will wager a crisp, concise and convincing argument cannot be bought for less than \$1.25 each at any other store. Now if you wish to tread pathways of pleasantness and profit, don't neglect the pathway leading to our store this week. Next week this pleasant episode in the current history of this store will not exist.

## PARLOR GOODS.

Seems odd we can sell such nice parlor sets for so little money. It is the potentiality of the dollar that gets so much for so little.

A five piece suit consisting of two arm chairs, two parlor chairs covered with silk tapestry, regular size, for only \$20.

A five piece parlor suite, containing one section, one arm chair, and two parlor chairs, all of them good style, with velvet and silk coverings, for only \$35.

A four piece sofa, upholstered in a good grade of brocade, handsomely decorated and splendidly made, for the extremely low price of \$40.

A splendid three piece suite, a directoire style, with velvet and silk coverings, for only \$150.

## HALL TREES

To hold your hats, your overcoats, are a great convenience. Our Hall Trees this season have every virtue of style, workmanship and equipment. Some of them, although comparatively inexpensive, have none of the minor defects so common in cheap affairs. They are made strong, the proportions are admirable, framing is good and outlines of most of them graceful. They have a neat drape and low to the door, hid life, beneath which is a large storage chest for overcoats, slippers and sundry useful but not specially sightly articles. The umbrella rack is of brass, with rustless bowl; the hooks are of antique pattern, with branching arms, they are usually made of quarter-sawn oak, finely carved, and with suitably sized mirrors. Prices are \$8, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$25, up to \$75 each.

## PARLOR CABINETS.

Have you curiosities, oddities, rare and unique articles painstakingly gathered from highways and byways of Europe, your native land, mute witnesses of pleasure, toil and adventure, exciting pleasurable emotions of a past experience in your mind, full of keenest interest to your friends? Would you fittingly display your treasures? Frame them with one of our parlor cabinets. It would be a most seemly act. Prices \$10, \$15, \$25 and \$40.

## CHEFFONIERES

A great many kinds, a great many styles, but notably one that is particularly stylish, useful and ornamental, with a polished and finish easily rivaling that of any piano. It is in the dark, distinguished looking and comparatively new furniture wood, curly birch, a fashionable favorite at present. In any attempt to accurately describe this Cheffonier as a "lean pecary" would reflect our pen. It must be seen to be appreciated.

Prices are from \$10 to \$50.

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## IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.

Recent Social Events in Topeka and Vicinity.

## GENERAL NOTES OF SOCIETY.

Personal Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

The Superba club's second dancing party of the season, given at Library hall last evening was a pronounced success. There were present thirty-three couples, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the dancing on the beautifully polished and shining floor, to the measure of the perfect music. The Superba parties are among the most enjoyable of social functions and the members all appreciate the efforts of the committee in charge to make them so.

## General Social Notes.

Dr. C. B. Reed and family returned from Sterling, Kas., Tuesday.

Mrs. H. Hailo and Mrs. Eugene Mitchell, who have been the guests of Mrs. Abe Steinberg, returned home yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Jennings of Cleveland, Ohio, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Bosworth for several days, have returned home.

Miss Ella Banks will entertain friends Friday evening.

Mr. L. H. Leaman of Osgood City spent Tuesday in the city.

Mrs. Archie Keilm entertained a few friends most pleasantly at card Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Barnum entertained informally Tuesday evening, complimentary to Mrs. H. Hall and Mrs. E. Mitchell of Minneapolis.

Mrs. F. H. Brown and little Miss Ruth of Blue Rapids are the guests of Mrs. Brown's father, Judge Horton, and family.

Mrs. Margaret McMurray of Waveland, Ind., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Milligan.

Mr. C. C. Baker is expected home from Colorado Saturday.

Miss Daisy Hayes will leave Sunday for California.

Mr. Jacob Mercer came home from Manhattan yesterday.

Albert H. Horton, Jr., will be down from the university tomorrow.

Mrs. E. R. Rice and daughter, Mildred of Denver, will return home Saturday.

Mr. John P. Prescott came down from Kansas City to spend Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. A. H. Horton.

Mr. Harry Seabrook is over from Wentworth military academy.

The musicale and reception at Bethany this evening from 7:30 till 11 o'clock is by invitation and promises an evening's rare enjoyment.

Mr. T. B. Cowgill of Kansas City came up last evening.

The second of the Assembly club's parties takes place at Library Hall Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lingfelt are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lister Hower in Denver.

The Juvenile Dramatic Club went to Carbondale last night to give an entertainment.

The Pensee Club met with Misses Anne and Jennie Hudson last evening.

Mrs. Byron Roberts has returned from a two weeks' trip to Hutchinson.

## Thanksgiving Marriage Licenses.

AGES.

Jacob Haskell, Topeka, 23

Joanna Adams, Topeka, 21

Samuel L. Potts, Meriden, 27

Alice B. Williams, Meriden, 21

Mac F. Huett, Lawrence, 27

Adella Sanford, Topeka, 25

Richard N. Furr, Topeka, 42

Ellen C. Butler, Topeka, 40

Thomas H. Ross, Topeka, 22

Mary E. Crockett, Topeka, 21

## NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

W. C. Sly has removed with his family to 118 west Laurent street.

Miss Ellen Little is spending her Thanksgiving with friends at Silver Lake.

Congressman Charles Curtis departed today for Washington and does not expect to return until congress adjourns.

A complete line of homeopathic remedies at A. J. Arnold & Son's.

Take your prescriptions to A. J. Arnold & Son, 821 Kan. ave. Established 1870.

Miss Belle Cromwell accompanied by her friend Miss Bertha Ross, is spending the day with her brothers John and Joe Cromwell.

Thanksgiving is being generally observed on the north side. Many stores did not open at all this morning and about all closed by noon.

I have received my regular annual shipment of pure buckwheat flour, made on the spot from Pennsylvania buckwheat. It is absolutely pure and has no equal in the market. Customers who did not use it last year should leave a trial order. J. H. Haller, 1022 Kansas avenue.

A Japanese tea will be given Monday evening, December 3, in the parlors of the Union Pacific hotel, North Topeka, by the Ladies' club of the hotel. The proceeds will go towards defraying the expenses of a minister's son who is desirous of taking the treatment for alcoholism. Come, everyone and contribute your dime.

Silver Leaf vinegar remains in the front. It is the best table and pickling vinegar. Ask your grocer for it and take no other. It is the cheapest.

Rock Island Playing Cards, No. 931 Kan. Ave.

Horneer, Topeka Coal Co.

Mrs. Mary Powell, of California, celebrated trumpet medium and independent slate writer, will hold seances every evening at 8 o'clock in the Keith building, room 35. Admission 50 cents.

Topeka Coal Co. Horneer.

The entertainment arranged by Mrs. Hutchinson's Sunday school class has been fixed for December 3.

Horneer, Topeka Coal Co.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—Positives of houses for rent or sale. Call on Mrs. W. W. Western, up stairs, rear part.

## POLICE COURT NOTES.

There Was No Thanksgiving Holiday in Police Court This Morning.

There was a session of police court this morning, if it was Thanksgiving.

Mary Wade and Will Hamilton, young colored members of Smoky Row society, had a bit of a scrimmage yesterday evening, and each was fined three dollars in police court this morning.

The trial of Sam Taylor, who assisted Walter Chance to get away with a lot of food and hay from the store of Groshong & Brainerd, in North Topeka, Monday, came up. Chance has not yet been captured, but a warrant is out for him. Both are colored and live at 529 Clay street.

Officer Capron searched the house and found a lot of stolen goods, harness, clothing, etc. Taylor's case was heard in part and then continued till tomorrow.

George Sieber, who was arrested for driving over the fire hose at a North Topeka fire Sunday, was tried but dismissed, as he proved that Will Jenkins, who was with him, was doing the driving, and a warrant has been sworn out for Jenkins.

John Ewing, the colored man who struck Jim Easley in North Topeka Sunday afternoon with a piece of rock, was fined \$100 on the two charges.

There were lots of witnesses on each side. John may not have been drunk, but he was pretty rough in his play and the evidence satisfied the judge that he was not only guilty of striking Easley's head without proper provocation or authority, but that he had also disrespected the dignity of the department in resisting an officer and jabbing him in the ribs with his elbow. The sentence of the court was fifty dollars in each case, and John immediately took steps to appeal it.

## TALK OF RETRENCHMENT.

Proposed Reduction of the Street Force and Salaries.

An effort will probably be made at the next meeting of the city council to reduce the street force by doing away with the office of the deputy and one foreman.

Councilman Griggs introduced such a resolution at the last meeting of the council and it was defeated—through a misunderstanding, he thinks.

He thinks that if the change suggested by him are made, more workmen can be put to work on the streets without extra expense.

There are other whisperings of retrenchment in the air and an effort may be made to secure the passage of a new salary ordinance, making general reductions in the salaries of heads of the departments.

The city attorney was instructed at the last meeting to prepare a new ordinance fixing the salary of the city engineer at \$100 per month, instead of \$150.

If the reduction of other salaries comes up, it will be in the form of amendments to the new ordinance.

## NIGHTINGALE CAUGHT.

A Topeka Boy Wanted for Forgery is Captured at Leavenworth.

A telegram from the Leavenworth police received in Topeka today announces that Bob Nightingale, of the Fourth street gang, who is wanted here for forgery, has been captured. Sheriff Burdge went over after him this morning.

Nightingale was indicted over a week ago by the grand jury on the charge of forging his father's name to a Santa Fe pay check for \$45. His father works in the shops.

## CHINESE BARBARITIES.

They String Prisoners Together With a Rope Strung Through Mouth and Gullet.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The reported Japanese atrocities at Port Arthur are confirmed from various sources. But it is believed that they were due to continued atrocities upon the part of the Chinese.

A letter to the Times from Tokio, dated October 24, says that nothing could exceed the humane and considerate treatment extended by the Japanese to their prisoners. This is added, reflects credit upon the Japanese, for they had to witness shocking Chinese cruelties.

On the battle field it appears the Chinese do not take prisoners and from the dead and wounded, vanquished they shear off the heads, mutilate them in various ways and string them together with a rope passed through their mouth and gullet. The Japanese have seen these ghastly remnants of their comrades.

A horrid full of mutilated remains were found by the Japanese after the battle of Ping Yang.

## NEW LOTTERY ORDINANCE.

Will Be Passed in Place of the One Which Was Lost or Stolen.

The missing lottery ordinance is still missing, but the police and lottery commission will have a very short lease of life nevertheless.

Councilman Bradford says he will draw up a new ordinance to be submitted at the regular meeting of the council next Monday evening. Whoever introduces the ordinance, it will probably be passed at once under a suspension of the rules, for the majority of the councilmen are determined that there shall be no more spitting away of lottery ordinances under any pretext.

## THE HOVAS' ULTIMATUM.

Demand Disputes With France Be Settled By a Mixed Court.

PORT LOUIS, Island of Mauritius, Nov. 29.—The Hova government has given an ultimatum. Madagascar agrees that the French resident shall act as the intermediary between the Hova government and the foreign powers. France is to carry out all public works as the Madagascar government judges necessary.

The Hovas propose that all disputes between France and themselves shall be settled by a mixed court. Lastly, the Hovas demand the delimitation of French territory around Diogo Suarez and the right to import munitions of war.

## FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for teaching little children the gums, allays pain, cures colic. Best remedy for diarrhoea. 25 cents a bottle.

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Peerless Steam Laundry—Peerless Steam Laundry.

Horneer, Topeka Coal Co.

Baldness is either hereditary or caused by sickness, mental exhaustion, wearing tight-fitting hats, and by over-work and trouble. Hall's Renewer will prevent it.

## SHE CAN SEE NO BEAUTY IN THEM.

A California Woman's Judgment Upon the New York Women of Fashion.

The horse show brings forcibly home to us an unpleasant truth—north of Mason and Dixon's line we have not developed an aristocratic type. Southern women, by virtue of their descent from English ancestors of birth and breeding, added to generations of luxury, are indubitably aristocratic in outline and bearing, but the New York woman of fashion is merely swaggar, a combination produced by an expensive dressmaker and her own unswerving determination to acquire an "air." She is swaggar without being high bred, self conscious where she would be haughty, and her repose is mere lounging.

I have studied this type for several years, and last night I was struck anew with two of its fatal deficiencies—its lack of nose and of cheek modeling. It is not too much to say that in all that tier of boxes there was not one good nose. Only one girl had a nose of size, and hers was a proboscis. She could have supplied three of her meager sisters. The others without exception had little pugs or an irregular piece of flesh and cartilage that cannot be classed. One Japanese looking little "beauty" had a queer peaked affair that seemed to point derisively at her bang. Another woman of middle age, who is never spoken of except as "one of the most beautiful and distinguished looking women of America," has a minute application so unfortunately constructed as to give her the effect of one whose fate it is to stand constantly on the edge of a sewer. This woman is absolutely without beauty. Her face is large and common and colorless; her "laugrid eyes with a wicked sparkle" are as nearly expressionless as eyes can be got. She is merely an astonishing newspaper production.

One of the women most frequently extolled for beauty has the face of the Parisian cocotte. One can see it by the dozen on a spring afternoon driving to the Bois. Its other extremities barked in flowers. She is tall and has a charming grace, and two or three generations have done much for her, but the cocotte suggestion is paramount. Last night she sat with her legs frankly crossed, a model of elegance for the gaudy throng.

Another is as good a type of the French courtesan as you will ever see in a Parisian theater—a small, dark, bright, wicked little face, its owner as smart as a great milliner could make her. Another "beauty" has merely a bright, good, attractive face. Not a line there conforms to any standard. Another has developed a Burgundy complexion and large knobs on her cheek bones.

This is merely a study and a truthful one. I see no reason why the truth should not be written about this much discussed type for once. The newspapers are responsible for the false impression regarding the fashionable women of New York. To describe a beauty makes interesting reading. But the social phase of any country is part of its history, and current history should be treated with the same impartiality as the more easily focused past. As a matter of bare fact, there is hardly a beautiful or a high bred woman in New York society, hardly one that in profile or modeling of cheek and chin or in repose and dignity of bearing suggests three generations behind her. And it is a great pity, one to be regretted by any good American, for the New York woman of fashion is today accepted abroad as the flower of American civilization. The blue blooded southern woman is beautiful, the cosmopolitan California woman is beautiful, but the New York woman of fashion, without her bright complexion and hair, her admirable grooming, her superb gowns and acquired "air," could only be described by the most damning of adjectives—commonplace.—Gertrude Atherton in New York Sun.

## Dress Evolution.

Persons who have been expecting dress reform somewhat as they are expecting the millennium—rolling in on a gold chariot in a cloud of fire or something equally startling—will be surprised some day to be told that it—dress reform, not the millennium—is here. The number of women who wear different clothes from those they were brought up to consider the proper and suitable women's wear would amaze if it could be accurately stated. Union underwear and hygienic waists, with no corsets—these are in such common use as to be no longer in any way unusual. The bicycle has pushed matters a little further. In their attempts to design a costume for this exercise many women have worked out their own salvation in a walking dress as well. Scores of bicycling women shop, travel and walk in their wheel toilets, and nobody suspects it.—New York Times.

## Justifiable Sarcasm.

It is claimed, you know, that women are such emotional creatures, it will not do to entrust them with the ballot. Have you ever noticed how calm and thoughtful and deliberate a crowd of men were at an election celebration? Have you observed what strength of intellect, what capacity for government, they showed as they cavorted around the burning pile and added all the head covering they possessed to the combustible material? Probably you have been there yourself, and maybe this argument may have occurred to you—that man alone should be entrusted with the ballot, he is so much more calm and unemotional than woman.—Kansas Breze.

## Mrs. Esther T. Housh.

Mrs. Esther T. Housh has been elected corresponding secretary of the W. C. T. U. of Massachusetts. She was for years editor of The Woman at Work and president of the Vermont White Ribboners. For some years Mrs. Housh has been in Boston doing literary work. With her ready pen and thorough knowledge of methods Mrs. Housh is sure to be a helpful ally to the leaders of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U.

## The Star Grocery.

No misrepresentation of any sort resorted to in selling goods. No deception in advertising but every article placed on sale precisely as advertised. No trick of any sort, just a straight forward plain proposition of selling you goods cheaper than you can buy them elsewhere.

22 lbs. finest Granulated Sugar.....	\$1.40	2 gallon pail Sugar Syrup.....	55
22 lbs. Extra C Sugar.....	1.00	17 lb. pail Jelly.....	35
2 qts. finest Jersey Cranberries.....	25	2 pkgs. Rolled Oats.....	15
Imported Queen Olives, per qt.....	20	8 lbs. bulk Rolled Oats.....	25
3 large stalks Celery.....	10	8 lbs. Hominy Flakes.....	25
Cleaned Currants, per pkg.....	05	10 lbs. Hominy.....	25
3 lbs. Seedless Raisins.....	25	2 cans Warren Salmon.....	25
2 lbs. London Layer Raisins.....	25	3 lbs. Choice Mince Meat.....	25
Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, per lb.....	20	2 lbs. Choice Apple Butter.....	15
5 lbs. Large California Raisins.....	25	4 lbs. White Lard.....	25
7 lbs. English Currants.....	25	No. 1 Sugar Cured Hams, per lb.....	11
2 lbs. Cal. Evaporated Apples.....	25	Sugar Cured Cal. Hams, per lb.....	08
3 lbs. California Pitted Plums.....	25	Dry Salt Meat, per lb.....	08
Best Ginger Snaps, per lb.....	05	Sugar Cured Breakfast Bacon, per lb.....	11
Soda Crackers, per lb. by box.....	08 1/2	25 Boned Ham, per lb.....	10
6 lbs. Split Peas.....	25	3 pkg. Buckwheat Flour.....	25
6 lbs. Green Beans.....	25	1 gal. Pure Maple Syrup.....	65
6 bare Gran Pa's Wonder Soap.....	25	2 dozen Dill Pickles.....	25
7 lbs. Hand Picked Navy Beans.....	25	2 cans Solid Packed Tomatoes.....	15
3 lbs. English Walnuts.....	25	2 cans Sugar Corn.....	15
2 lbs. Brazil Nuts.....	25	2 cans Marrowfat Peas.....	15
3 lbs. Filberts.....	25	2 cans String Peas.....	25
Almonds, per lb.....	20	4 cans String Peas.....	25
Reg line Syrup.....	1.00	All kinds pkg. Coffee, per pkg.....	21

**Bargains For Tomorrow.**

Florida Oranges, per doz..... 15

3 Stalks Celery..... 10

Fresh Bulk Oysters, per quart..... 30

2 Quarts Finest Cranberries..... 25

Imported Queen Olives, per quart..... 20

**J. S. SPROAT,**  
THE STAR GROCER.  
Tele. 252. 112 East Sixth St.

**Silver Corset Steels.**  
Of all the novelties in silver the latest is the silver corset steel. Perhaps it is not correct to speak of silver steel, but that is the best description to be given. There may be more in the possession of returning Paris travelers, but only one young woman has yet been heard from with these joys forever. One pair was in a famous jeweler's, waiting to be engraved with the owner's monogram, and the next thing every young woman will carry about with her a sure means of identification in case of accident in the shape of the monogram on her corset steels.

This young woman brought back a dozen sets of these steels. They are very light and especially comfortable, being made of aluminum and heavily plated with silver. They are not attached to the corset like the ordinary steel, but the silver length is laid against the silk of the corset, and makes a 3 inch band of richly chased silver up and down the corset front.

Of course they are engraved with exquisite designs, and a generation or two hence some sweet girl will be rejoicing in her grandmother's foresight in providing such a rare inheritance for her.

**The Anticorset League.**  
I am afraid that the anticorset league is foredoomed to failure, simply on the principle of giving a dog a bad name, for the woman is not yet born who would have the moral courage to discard stays unless she was perfectly convinced that her figure would bear the ordeal.

If we were all modeled upon the lines of the Venus de Milo, it would be easy enough to adopt the suggestions of the league which boasts Mme. Antoinette Sterling as one of its presidents, but until we are, all of us, as popular slang put it, "corsets will still be worn as a matter of course by all women, who are womanly enough to remember that one of the chief duties of our sex is not to waste our charms."

The one hope of the league is that it recognizes the fact that women are not likely to adopt new fashions which do not meet with masculine approval.

But if this is really the case they must unquestionably admire a "jimp, taper waist."—Philadelphia Times.

**Sensible Dress.**  
The Alumni Association of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York is composed of female graduates of the stenographic and typewriting classes from 1887 to 1894. At a recent meeting attended by over 50 of these young women the chief subject for discussion was "Sensible Dress," opened with a paper read by Miss Magdalene Foeltl. After some spirited discussion from the other members it was found to be the sentiment that skirts to the shoe tops should be worn on a rainy day. Those who did not approve this style were recommended to wear leggings. This, it was argued, would be the first step toward dress reform, and the transition from short skirts on a rainy day to short skirts every day would be easy.

**"We Call It Novelty Goods."**  
There are new goods galore on the counters of shops, and all are fearfully and wonderfully named. The funny part of it is, too, that no one seems to ever use these names. "What's this?" I asked a salesman. "Novelty goods," he replied. As they call everything by that title that isn't cashmere, I persisted. "But hasn't it any other name?" "Oh, it says these cantalons on the box," he returned. "But I never call it that." Other names conveying few ideas to any one are crepon papillote, tainage, kraise, etofie veloute, etc. And still in spite of this the manufacturers keep right on wasting names on the desert air and causing titles to blush unbecomingly.—Sara Sylvester in Boston Budget.